THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) At present, demands for inclusion of as many as 32 more languages (including Dogri) in the 8th Schedule to the Constitution are pending with the Government. The Government had decided that a suitable criteria needs to be evolved for inclusion of any language in the Eighth Schedule as no criteria has been laid down in the Constitution of India. Accordingly, the issue of evolving criteria was referred to the National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution for consideration. The Commission has since submitted its report to the Government and the report is being examined. The question of inclusion of Dogri language in the Eighth Schedule is under consideration.

Action against terrorists belonging to Asif Razzak Group

†2562. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorists belonging to Asif Razzak Commando Group are hiding in Delhi also;

(b) if so, whether any clues have been found so far in respect of these terrorists;

(c) if so, the number of persons detected and apprehended so far;

(d) whether Government have not been able to detect all the members of this group so far;

(e) if so, by when success is expected to be achieved in this regard; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (f) All the ten associates of Asif Raza Khan identified during the course of investigation were either arrested or killed in an encounter.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

There is no specific input regarding any other member of this group hiding in Delhi.

Casualties in violence in Gujarat

2563. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:
SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of casualties due to violence in Gujarat during last one and a half months;

(b) the details of the property damaged/lost;

(c) the number of persons belonging to different religious communities staying in refugees camps; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to rehabilitate the victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) "Public Order" and "Police" are State subjects as per the Constitution of India and hence the State Governments are primarily concerned with the issues under question. The Union Government does not maintain detailed records in this regard. However, as per information received from the State Government the position is as under:—

As on 15.4.2002, 635 persons were killed in the disturbances besides 143 killed in police firing and 2258 persons suffered injuries, 10262 houses, 13758 shops, 2648 cabins and 2995 vehicles, worth more than Rs.233 crores, were burnt/damaged.

A total of 104 relief camps with 1,11,000 inmates have been functioning in the State.

The following emergency relief/rehabilitation measures were announced by the State Government of Gujarat—

(i) Death Compensation to the next of kin of the deceased: @ Rs. One Lakh.

(ii) Injury assistance: From Rs.2000/- to Rs.50,000/- depending on percentages of disability.